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Mr. Robert E. Bailey
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Dear Mr. Bailey,

On my last trip to Memphis, just as I was about to catch the plane, I heard that you wrote an excellent master's thesis on the history of the 1968 sanitation workers' strike and the events leading to the assassination of Dr. King.

Since then it has been my hope to be able to return to Memphis and then to look you up. Because this has not been possible I write.

I would like very much to have a copy of your thesis for these purposes:

My information and guidance in my own work;
The information and guidance, perhaps also leads, for my friend Les Payne, minority affiars reporter for Newsday and that newspaper's syndicate,
With your permission and with credit to your work for possible quotation in my second book on the King assassination, which I plan to begin soon,
With your permission for deposit in a university archive that will include all my rather extensive work and records on the King assassination.

Among the areas of particular interest to me are whether or not there was the reasonable prospect of a settlement at the time of the riot and dependable details of that riot.

As I recall Wayne Chastain told me about your fine work.

My Payne may be going to Memphis soon. If I speak to him first I will suggest that he seek to speak to you.

If you can lend me a copy of your thesis I'll be glad to repay you by giving you another copy of it when I return it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg